

From: YON Donald R
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2014 3:09 PM
To: SVETKOVICH Christine; FOSTER Eugene P
Cc: YON Donald R
Subject: Meeting to discuss the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde comment on the lack of integration of tribal lands into the Oregon NPS Plan.

Gen and Christine, given the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde comment on the lack of integration of tribal lands into the Oregon NPS Plan, I think we need to talk about how DEQ is or is not going to respond to the tribe's comments, see their email below. I also included Christine's email response to the tribe.

The end of the public review and comment is 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2014. We should talk about this comment and decide what if any changes we will make to the Oregon NPS Plan, if any. Note, I tried to "Plan a Meeting" using outlook. I could not find any dates from now till September 2nd or shortly thereafter that worked for all of us. So, please let me know what day and times work for you so we can have our discussion and decision soon. Don

Hello Christine,

My name is Meagan Flier, and I am the environmental resources specialist at the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. As the Tribe's environmental resources specialist I frequently review state and federal actions for potential impact to tribal property and resources within our ceded lands, and as such I have reviewed the DEQ's draft nonpoint source management plan. Based on my initial review, I do have one concern regarding the prioritization of waterbodies as stated within the draft management plan.

My concern is that the plan does not address how it prioritizes or whether it considers underserved communities when identifying and prioritizing impaired waterbodies and watersheds. The plan states that "The Integrated Report provides a comprehensive evaluation of water quality throughout the state. The NPS Management Program uses information from the

Integrated Report and the 303(d) list of impaired waters to identify the waters and watersheds where pollutants are likely related to nonpoint sources in the watersheds. DEQ then can focus and prioritize 319 program activities to prevent, control, and eliminate NPS pollution.” Nowhere does the plan address underserved or tribal communities that may be more effected by NPS pollution in these listed waters than other areas/communities. I am not sure that prioritization by adjacency to underserved communities can be viably implemented into the plan, but I was wondering if such a prioritization was considered in the writing of the draft and whether said consideration might be feasibly implemented into the final plan?

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment, and please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding the above comments and concerns at any time.

Sincerely,

Meagan Flier, Environmental Resources Specialist

Natural Resources Department

Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

Meagan.Flier@grandronde.org

503-879-2312

Megan—

Thanks again for your review and input regarding DEQ’s draft nonpoint source plan. During the development of the draft plan, DEQ did not directly consider how to incorporate consideration regarding location of underserved or tribal communities to DEQ’s prioritization of nonpoint source activities. We appreciate this input and are evaluating ways to incorporate your suggestion into the plan. If you have any specific ideas, please pass them along. If not, we will send an update regarding where we end up. We have also inquired with EPA to learn how

other states incorporate underserved and tribal communities into their plans.

Much Appreciated-

Christine

Don Yon

Nonpoint Source Pollution Coordinator

Oregon DEQ, Water Quality Division

811 SW Sixth Avenue

Portland, OR 97204

yon.donald.r@deq.state.or.us

☎ 503-229-6850

7 503-229-6037 (fax)